

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Luca BALCONI et al.) Group Art Unit: 4122
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Application No.: 10/577,349) Examiner: KANE, Jason Marc
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Filed: February 26, 2007)
) Confirmation No.: 6919
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For: METHOD AND PLANT FOR)
INTRODUCTION OF A LIQUID)
INTO A MOLTEN MASS UNDER)
PRESSURE)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

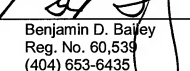
In a restriction requirement dated January 28, 2009, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 34-51) and Group II (claims 52-66). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 34-51 directed to a method for the introduction of a liquid into a molten mass under pressure.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 27, 2009

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